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SUBJ: EXCHANGES ROMANIAN NOMINATION OF EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

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1. CONSTANTIN PESTISANU VISIT CONFIRMED FOR NOV 18-27. ETA NEW YORK 1730 EST NOV 18 VIA TAROM 301, OPEN-ENDED TO WASHINGTON. CAN BEGIN PROGRAM NOV 19 AS STATE REFTEL SUGGESTS. BY TAKING CZECH FLIGHT TO PRAGUE EVENING NOV 27, PESTISANU CAN EXTEND ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED ONE WEEK STAY BY TWO DAYS.

2. IN PROGRAMMING PESTISANU, DEPARTMENT AND IIE SHOULD FOCUS ON TWO PRIMARY OBJECTIVES: (A) AS MINED SEC GEN, HIS MAJOR INTEREST IS PLANNING FACULTY STAFFING AND CURRICULA IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; (B) WEARING OTHER HAT AS PROFESSOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, PESTISANU INTERESTED IN AMERICAN TEACHING METHODS IN THAT FIELD, PARTICULARLY WHERE IT INVOLVES DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

3. EMBASSY OFFERS THESE REVISED PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOLLOWING INTERVIEW WITH PESTISANU YESTERDAY:
(A) OFFICE OF EDUCATION (HEW) EMBASSY PARTICULARLY KEEN HE SHOULD SEE DR. HOYT FOR REASONS OUTLINED BUCHAREST
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REFTEL AND WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF HOYT COULD ADJUST

SCHEDULE AS SUGGESTED.

(B) YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, CELL BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, WHERE PESTISANU PLANS TO MEET ROMANIAN RESEARCHER NICOLAE SIMIONESCU AND PROFESSOR GEORGE PALLADE, NOBEL PRIZE-WINNING AMERICAN OF ROMANIAN DESCENT. DISCUSSIONS THERE WOULD FOCUS ON PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BIOLOGY CENTER IN BUCHAREST USING UNDP FUNDS AND AMERICAN TECHNICAL SUPPORT.

(C) TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, IF IIE FINDS A VISIT THERE COMPATIBLE WITH GRANTEE'S EXPRESSED INTEREST IN 2 (A) ABOVE.

(D) MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY WITH STRONG CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO SATISFY OBJECTIVE 2 (B) AND TO GET PESTISANU AWAY FROM EAST COAST MEGALOPOLIS TO SMALLER-TOWN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT. UNIVERSITIES MEETING THOSE CRITERIA MIGHT BE PURDUE, ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN.

(E) IREX OFFICE IN NEW YORK, IF TIME PERMITS.

4. SUGGESTIONS ABOVE NOT INTENDED TO BE EXHAUSTIVE OR PRECLUSIVE. PESTISANU PREFERS AS SUBSTANTIVE A PROGRAM AS POSSIBLE AND PREPARED TO ACCEPT SIGHTSEEING OPPORTUNITIES WHEN AND WHERE HE FINDS THEM. SUGGEST PROGRAMMERS INCLUDE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS THAT CAN BE EASILY ACCOMMODATED TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON SCHEDULES AND AT LEAST ONE CONCERT, OPERA OR BROADWAY MUSICAL, PARTICULARLY THE LATTER.

5. PESTISANU WOULD APPRECIATE ADVANCE SCHEDULE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
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